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Where Knuckles and Amy Rose seek to save and restore the Master Emerald from Walter Naugus!

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CRYSTAL OMEGA
POSSESSED SUPER
BADNIK



WALTER NAUGUS
TROLL WIZARD

Loss of Control

During the search for the final Master Emerald shards, Knuckles was tricked by the vile wizard Walter Naugus. Walter stole the shards, intending to restore the Master Emerald and use its power to restore his magical abilities.

To stall for time, Walter used what little power he had left to take control of Omega.

Now Knuckles, Amy Rose, Shadow and Rouge face down the deadliest of the E-100 series, made deadlier by Walter's magic...



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PALACE ZONE,
WESTSIDE
ISLAND

KA-THOOM

Shattered **PART 3** LOST & FOUND

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YOU JUST HAD TO LEAD THAT THING BACK HERE!

WE CAME TO RESCUE YOU!

YEAH, WELL, I WAS COMING TO RESCUE YOU!



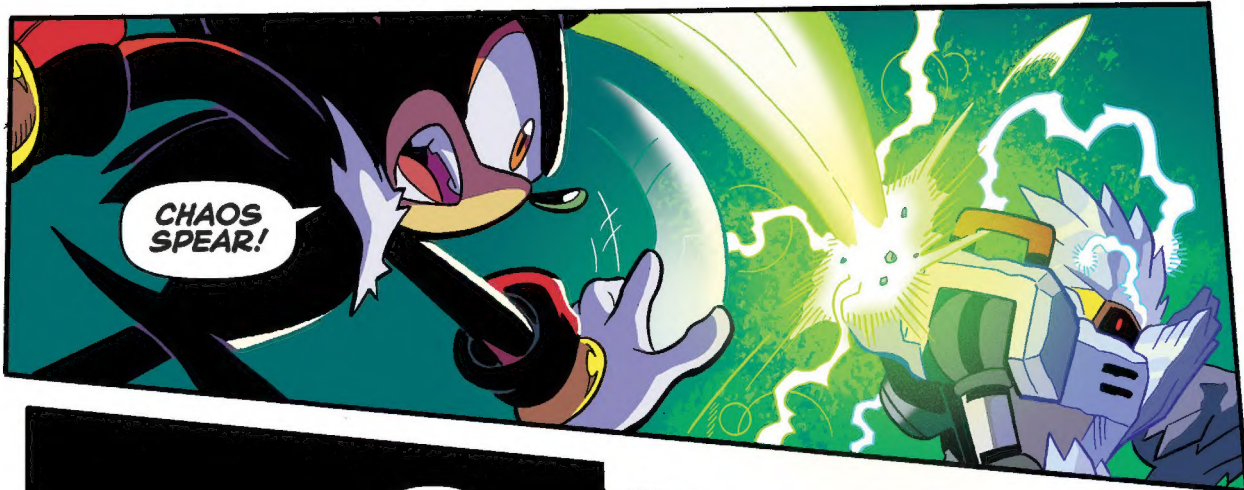
WE BEAT YOU TO IT. WHERE IS NAUGUS, ANYWAY?

DOWN THERE. HE'S SEALED HIMSELF IN WITH THE MASTER EMERALD SHARDS. HIS CRYSTAL BARRICADE IS TOO STRONG. I'LL NEED HELP BREAKING IT DOWN--



--BUT I GUESS WE'VE GOT TO HANDLE THIS GUY FIRST!

RIGHT!



CHAOS SPEAR!



OR THAT!



ARE YOU SURE THIS IS YOUR ROBOT BUDDY?

I DIDN'T WANT TO THINK SO, BUT NOW THAT I'VE GOT A CLEAR LOOK AT HIM? YEAH-- IT'S HIM.



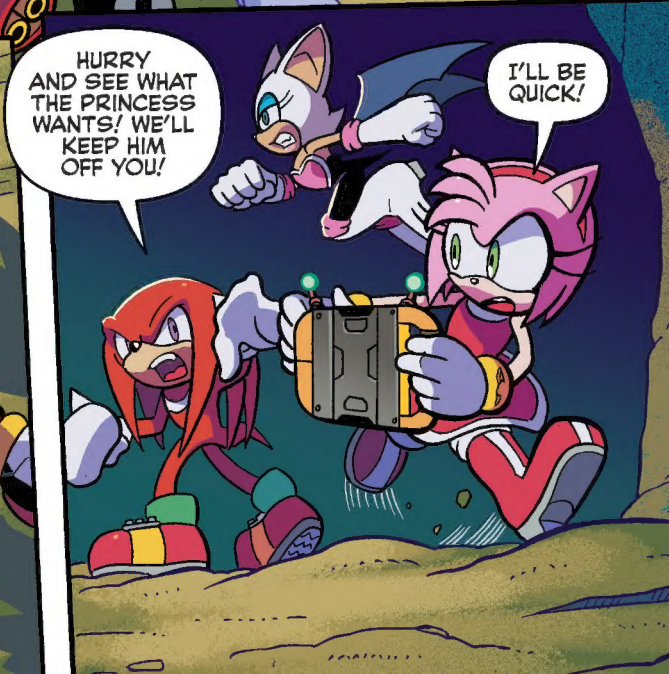
WELL WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET HIM BACK TO NORMAL. WE CAN'T GET THROUGH TO NAUGUS WITHOUT HIS FIREPOWER.

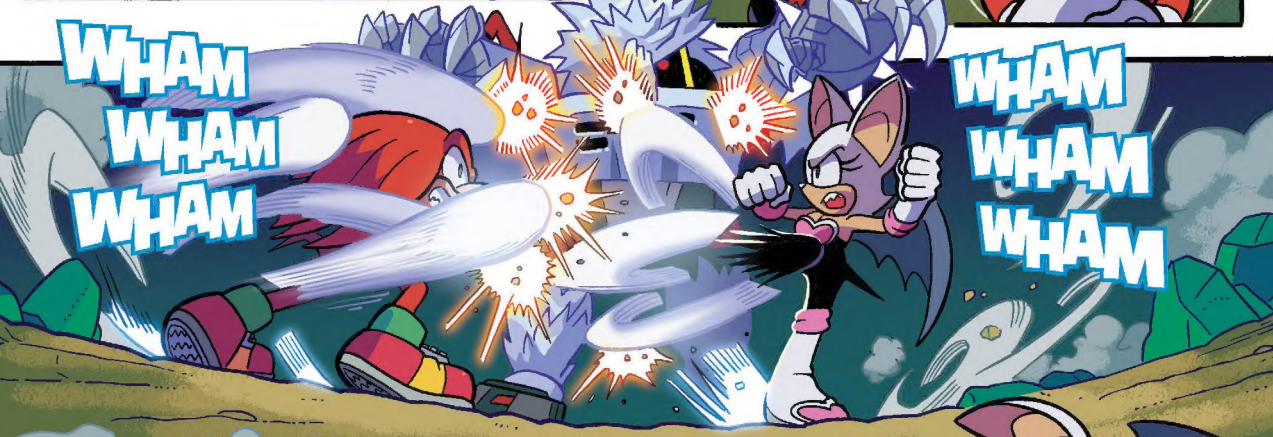
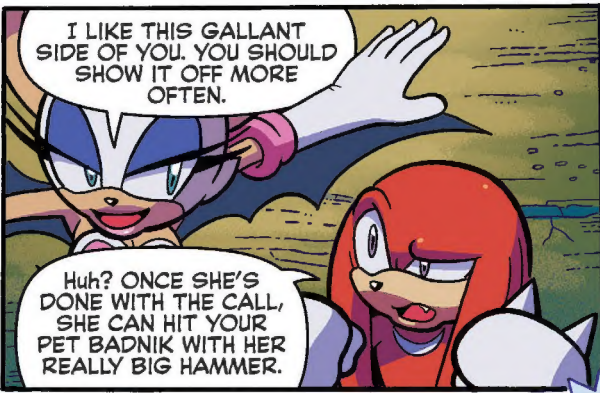
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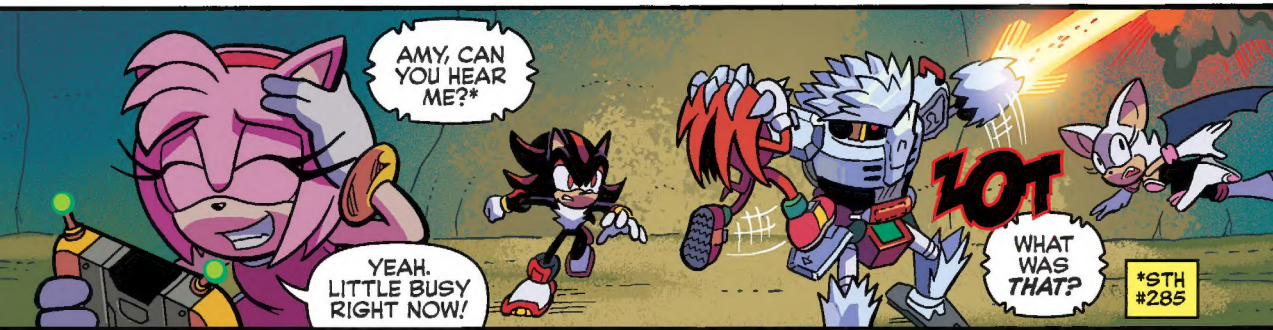


IT'S PRINCESS SALLY! IT MUST BE SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

I'M AMAZED YOU'RE GETTING ANY SIGNAL DOWN HERE.





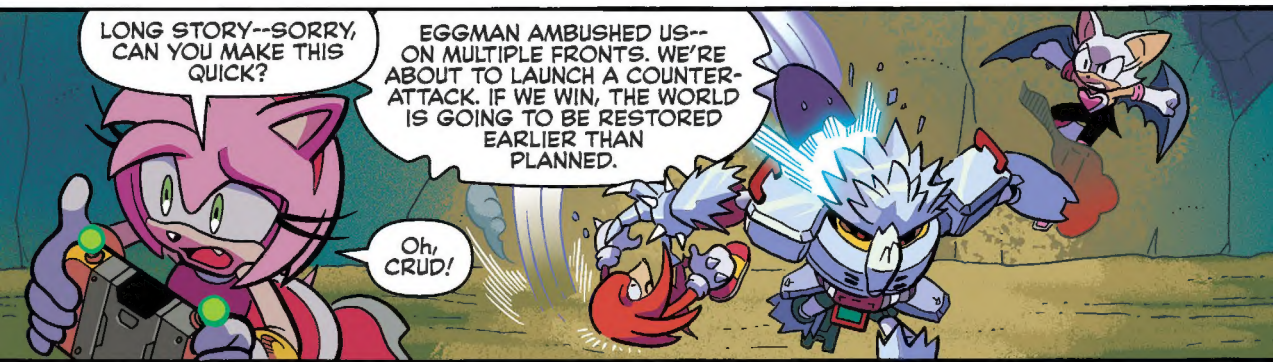


AMY, CAN YOU HEAR ME?*

YEAH. LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW!

WHAT WAS THAT?

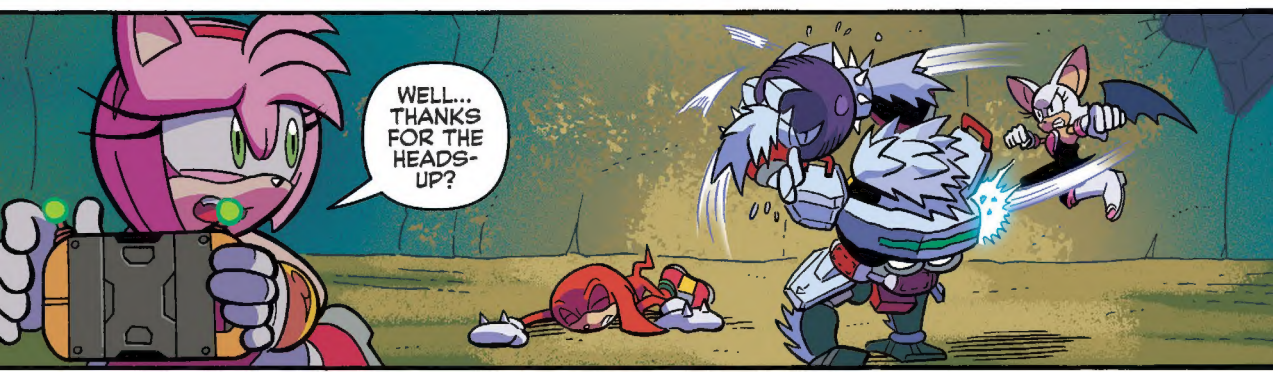
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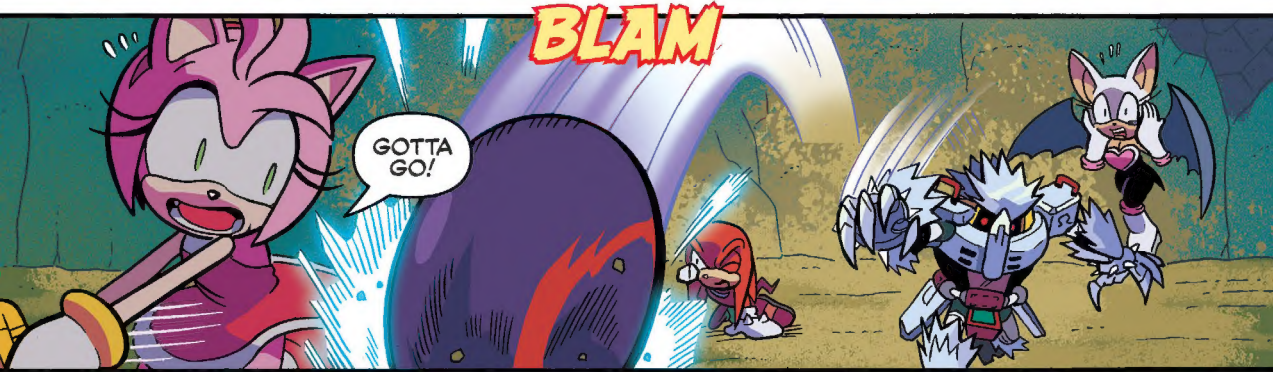
LONG STORY--SORRY, CAN YOU MAKE THIS QUICK?

EGGMAN AMBUSHED US-- ON MULTIPLE FRONTS. WE'RE ABOUT TO LAUNCH A COUNTER-ATTACK. IF WE WIN, THE WORLD IS GOING TO BE RESTORED EARLIER THAN PLANNED.

Oh, CRUD!



WELL... THANKS FOR THE HEADS-UP?



BLAM

GOTTA GO!



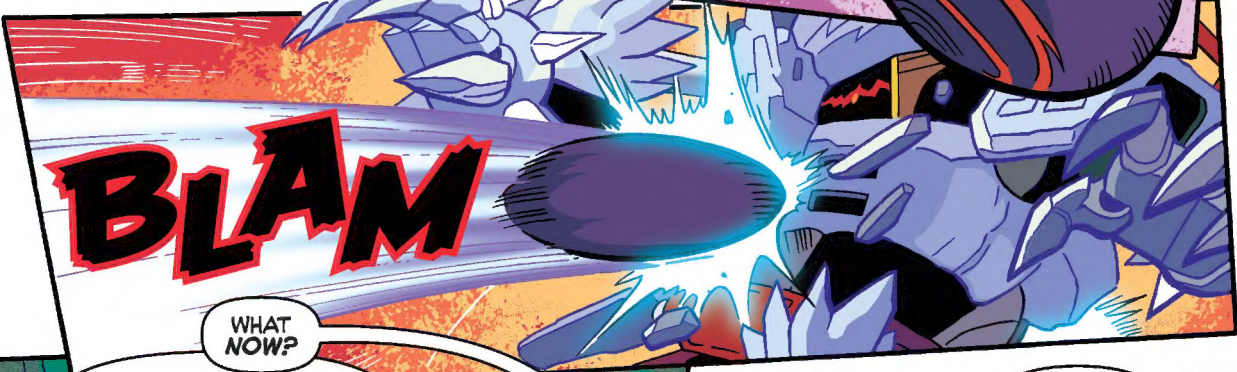
NUCKLES! WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM!

SHADOW-- QUICK, DO A SPIN DASH!

NRGH...?



Pik



BLAM

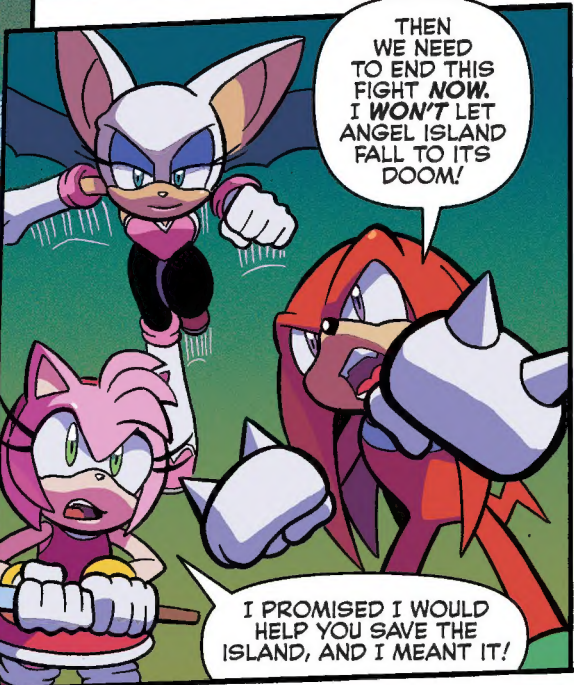
WHAT NOW?

SALLY SAYS EGGMAN ATTACKED AND MESSED UP THE PLAN! I DON'T HAVE THE DETAILS, BUT THE TIME-TABLE FOR RESTORING THE WORLD JUST GOT BUMPED UP.



ARE WE TALKING DAYS, HOURS OR MINUTES?

I DON'T KNOW! BUT IT SOUNDED LIKE "SOONER" RATHER THAN "LATER."



THEN WE NEED TO END THIS FIGHT NOW. I WON'T LET ANGEL ISLAND FALL TO ITS DOOM!

I PROMISED I WOULD HELP YOU SAVE THE ISLAND, AND I MEANT IT!



AAAAAAAH!!!

RRUMMBLE

THAT SOUNDS LIKE QUITE THE BATTLE UP THERE...

I'LL BE CUTTING THIS CLOSE.

IF I HADN'T BEEN SO IMPATIENT, I COULD'VE HAD KNUCKLES DO THIS FOR ME. THEN AGAIN, WHO KNOWS WHAT POWER HE MIGHT'VE WIELDED? TOO RISKY. THIS IS MY LAST CHANCE...

...AND I WILL NOT BE FOILED AGAIN. I'VE ALREADY SUFFERED SET-BACK...

"...AFTER SET-BACK..."

"...AFTER SET-BACK..."

A panel showing Dr. Eggman in a red and white lab coat, sitting at a control console in a laboratory. He has a determined, slightly menacing expression. The background is filled with various mechanical devices and glowing green crystals.

"BUT THE WORST WAS WHEN THE DOCTOR TESTED HIS INFERNAL **GENESIS WAVE** TECHNOLOGY FOR THE FIRST TIME."

A panel showing Sonic the Hedgehog and Tails flying through a starry space. Sonic is in the foreground, looking back over his shoulder. Tails is behind him, also looking back. The background is a mix of purple and yellow light with white stars.

"THE WORLD WAS SPLIT INTO POCKET DIMENSIONS. I WAS CAUGHT IN ONE OF THE RIFTS BETWEEN THEM."

A panel showing a close-up of a large, bat-like creature with a long, pointed snout and large, expressive eyes. It has a grumpy or angry expression. The background is a simple landscape with a small sunflower.

"I'VE PIECED TOGETHER THAT SONIC RESTORED THE WORLD, BUT I WAS LEFT CHANGED. **DIMINISHED**. UTTERLY POWERLESS."

A panel showing a bat-like creature in a mine, looking angry. In the foreground, a wizard with a long white beard and a purple robe is gesturing with his hand. The background is a dark mine with glowing green crystals.

"I MADE MY WAY BACK HERE, TO MY ANCESTRAL HOMELAND, BUT THE CRYSTALS IN THESE MINES COULD DO NOTHING FOR ME."

"OUT OF DESPERATION, I FOLLOWED MY SISTER'S EXAMPLE. I SWALLOWED MY PRIDE AND SUPPLICATED MYSELF BEFORE MY HATED ENEMY AND ASKED FOR HELP."



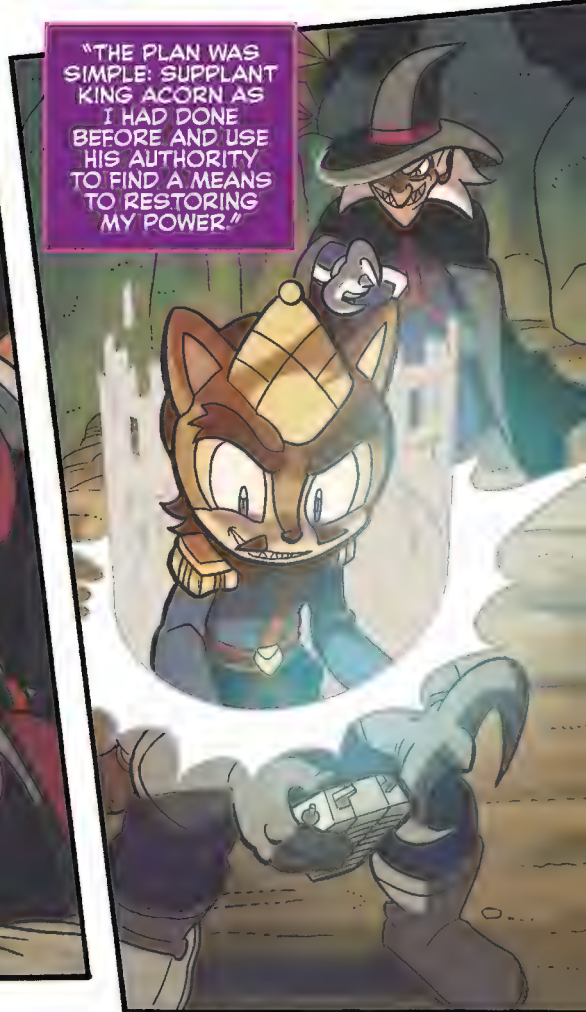
"HE WAS AS GRACIOUS AS I EXPECTED."



"SO I HELPED MYSELF TO SOME OF HIS DEVICES AND TOOK THEM TO WENDY FOR GUIDANCE ON HOW TO BEST USE THEM."



"THE PLAN WAS SIMPLE: SUPPLANT KING ACORN AS I HAD DONE BEFORE AND USE HIS AUTHORITY TO FIND A MEANS TO RESTORING MY POWER."



"EXCEPT HIS BRAT OF A DAUGHTER GREW SUSPICIOUS. SHE SENT HER VILE ARTIFICIAL CONSTRUCT TO INVESTIGATE, FORCING MY HAND..."



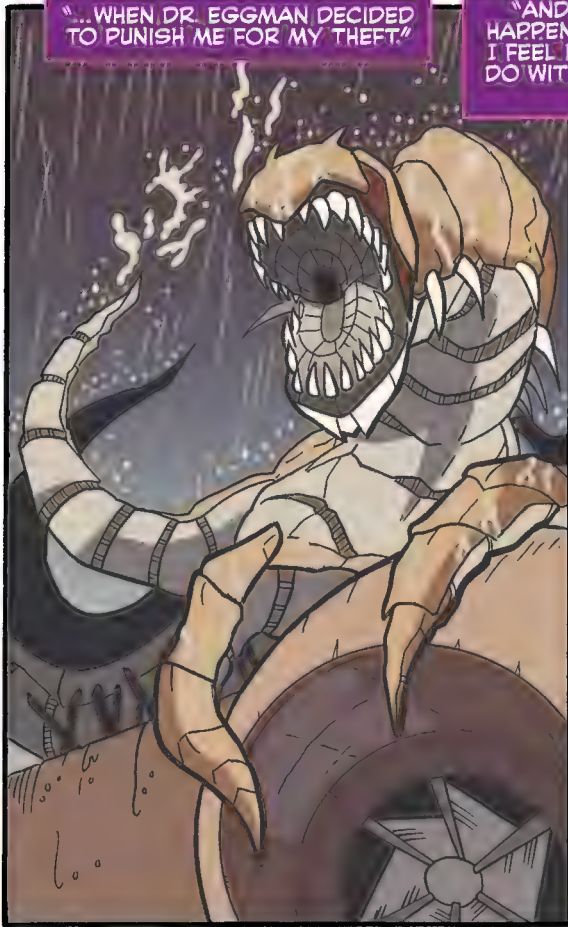
"I HAD ALMOST TURNED THAT TO MY ADVANTAGE..."



"...WHEN DR. EGGMAN DECIDED TO PUNISH ME FOR MY THEFT."

"AND THEN...**SOMETHING** HAPPENED TO DRIVE ME OUT.* I FEEL IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE GENESIS WAVE--**AGAIN!*****"

"IN MY DESPERATION, I HAD DABBLED IN TECHNOLOGY AND ONLY SUFFERED FOR IT. NEVER AGAIN."



*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG VOL. 1
**SONIC & MEGA MAN--WORLDS COLLIDE THE COMPLETE EPIC



ALMOST...
ALMOST...

SCHWAAAHN



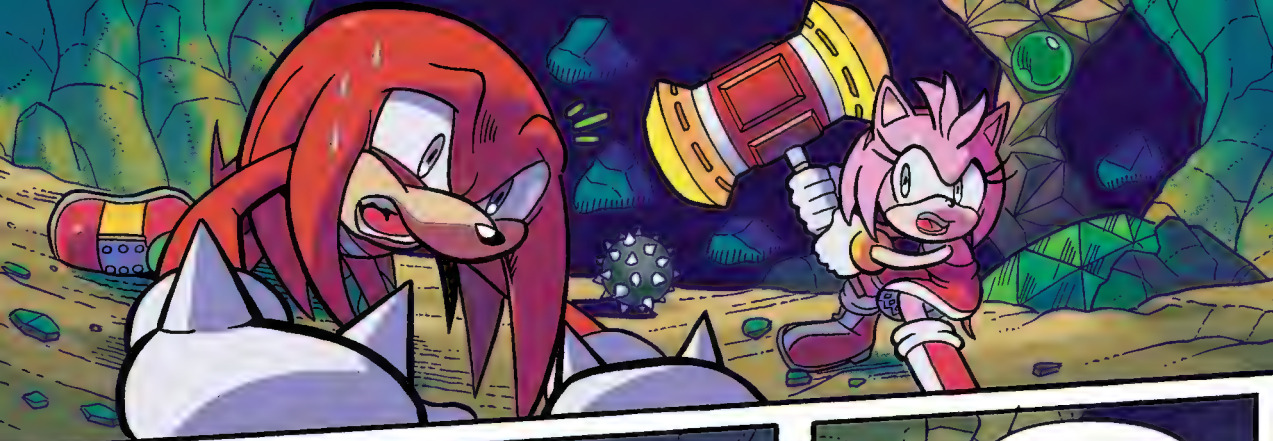
...I DID IT...?



O ANCIENT CONTROLLER!
YOU THAT UNIFIES THE CHAOS!
REPAIR MY BROKEN ESSENCE!
RETURN MY MAGICAL
POWER!



I DID IT!



AMY: KNUCKLES?

KNUCKLES: IT'S TOO LATE! HE'S RESTORED THE MASTER EMERALD!

AMY: NO! IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!

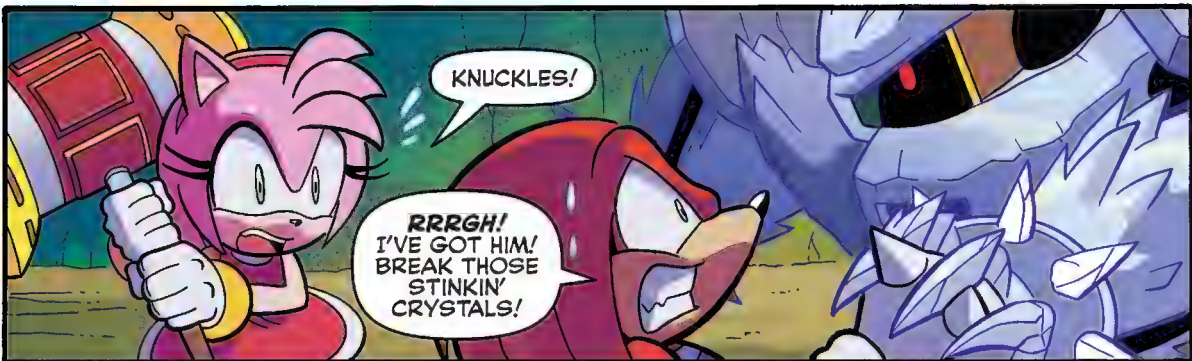
KNUCKLES: BUT HE...

AMY: ALL HE DID WAS SAVE YOU A STEP! NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS PLUG IT BACK INTO ITS SHRINE AND ANGEL ISLAND IS SAVED!

AMY: ...YOU DON'T "PLUG IT IN."

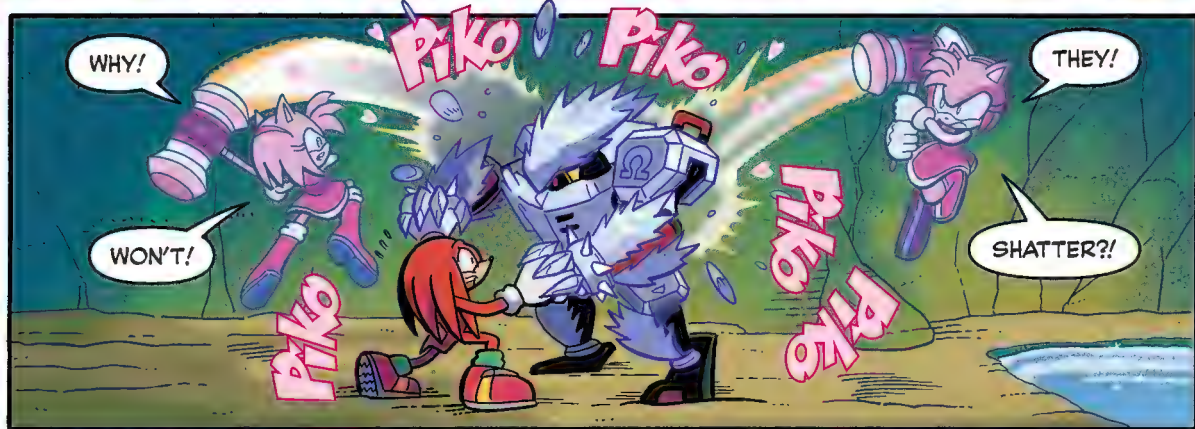
KNUCKLES: HOWEVER IT'S DONE-- YOU'LL DO IT! AND WE'LL KICK HIS CREEPY BUTT WHILE WE'RE AT IT! AND WE--!

AMY: YEEP!



KNUCKLES!

RRRGH!
I'VE GOT HIM!
BREAK THOSE
STINKIN'
CRYSTALS!



WHY!

WON'T!

THEY!

SHATTER?!

Piko Piko

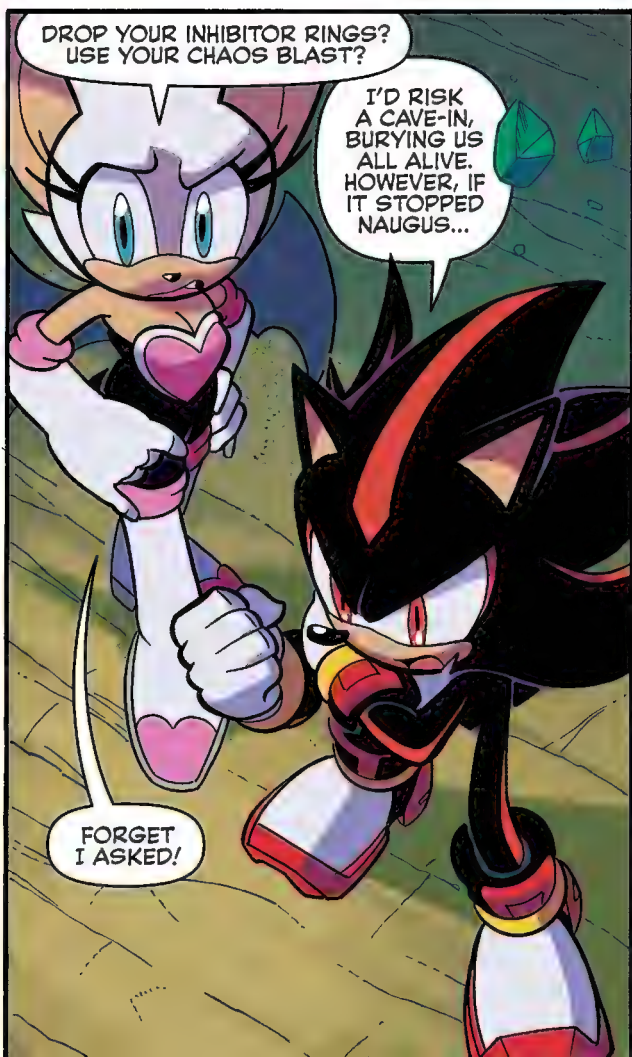
Piko

Piko Piko



I GOTTA GIVE EGGMAN CREDIT--
HE BUILT THIS ONE TO LAST.
CARE TO STUN HIM AGAIN WITH
ANOTHER CHAOS SPEAR?

HE SEEMS TO BE
GROWING RESISTANT TO IT--
AND STRONGER. I THINK THE
CRYSTALS ARE REDIRECTING
THE ENERGY INTO HIM.



DROP YOUR INHIBITOR RINGS?
USE YOUR CHAOS BLAST?

I'D RISK
A CAVE-IN,
BURYING US
ALL ALIVE.
HOWEVER, IF
IT STOPPED
NAUGUS...

FORGET
I ASKED!



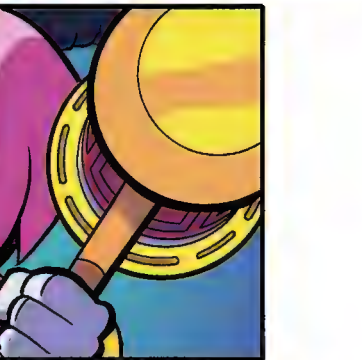
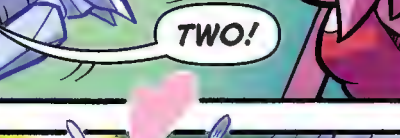
WE MANAGED TO CRACK THE ARMOR! IF WE FOCUS ON THAT ONE SPOT WITH ENOUGH FORCE, MAYBE WE CAN BREAK THROUGH!

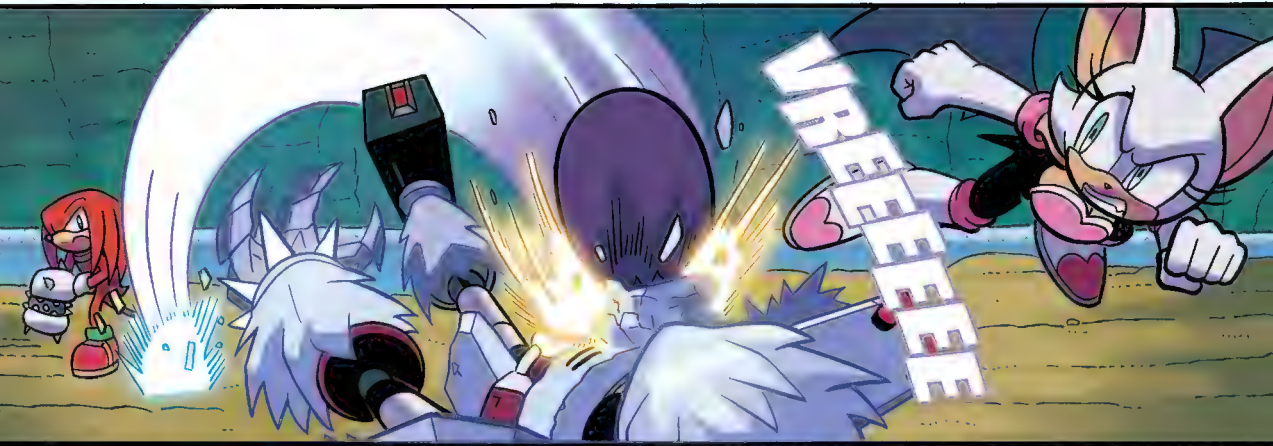
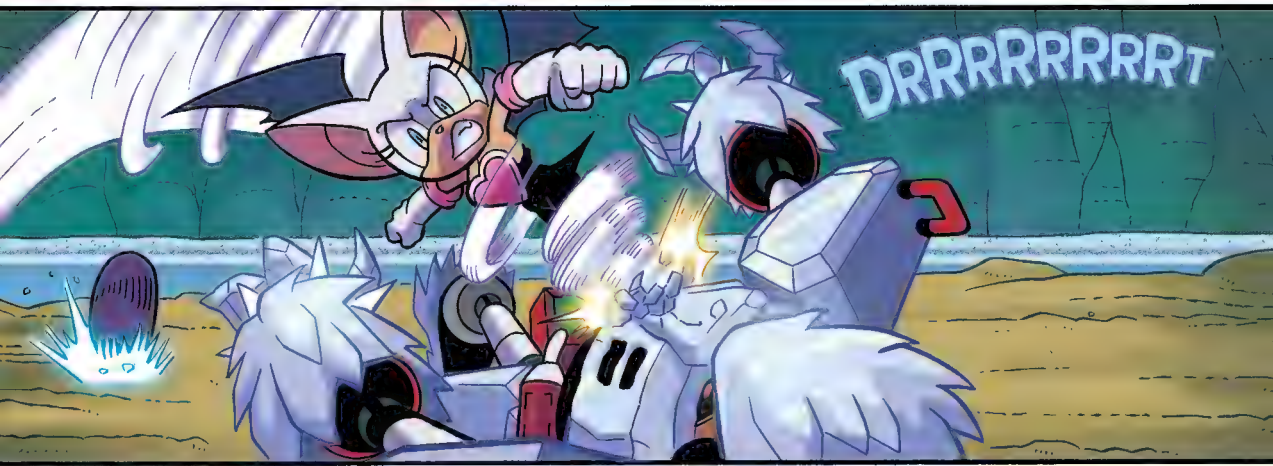
WE'RE ONLY GOING TO GET ONE SHOT AT THIS! AMY! ON THREE?

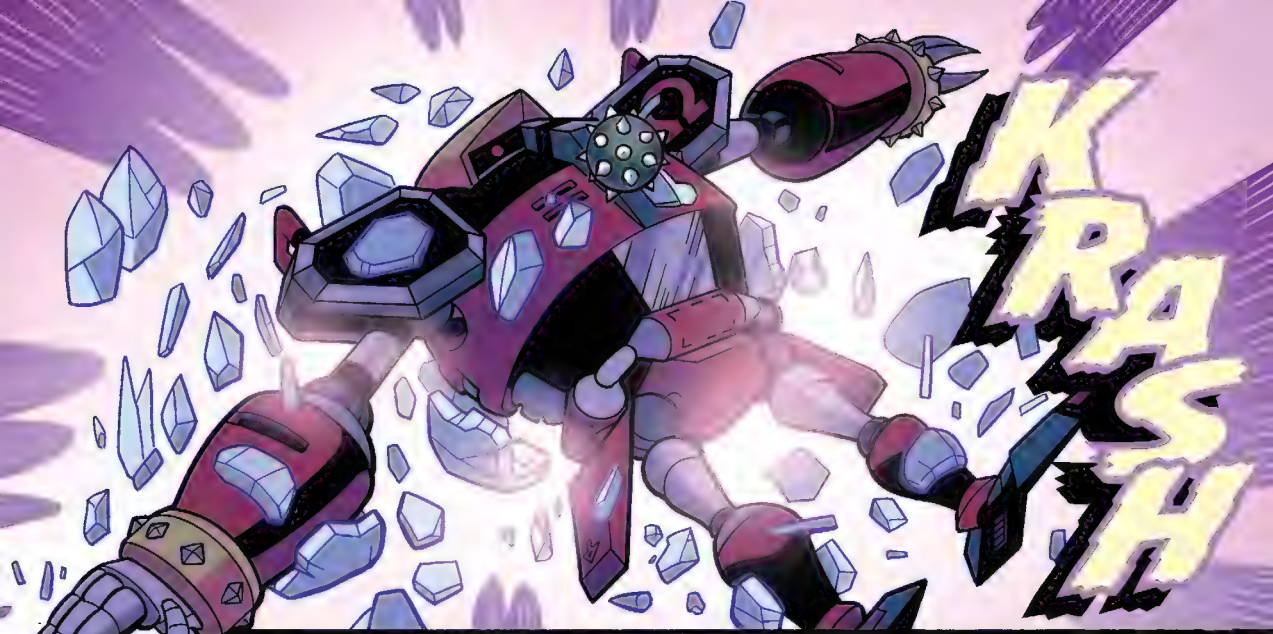
READY!
ONE!

TWO!

THREE!







... YOU HAVE RESCUED ME.
I AM OBLIGATED TO
FEEL GRATEFUL.

... YOU'RE
WELCOME?

ANY TIME.
YOU'D DO THE SAME
FOR US, RIGHT?

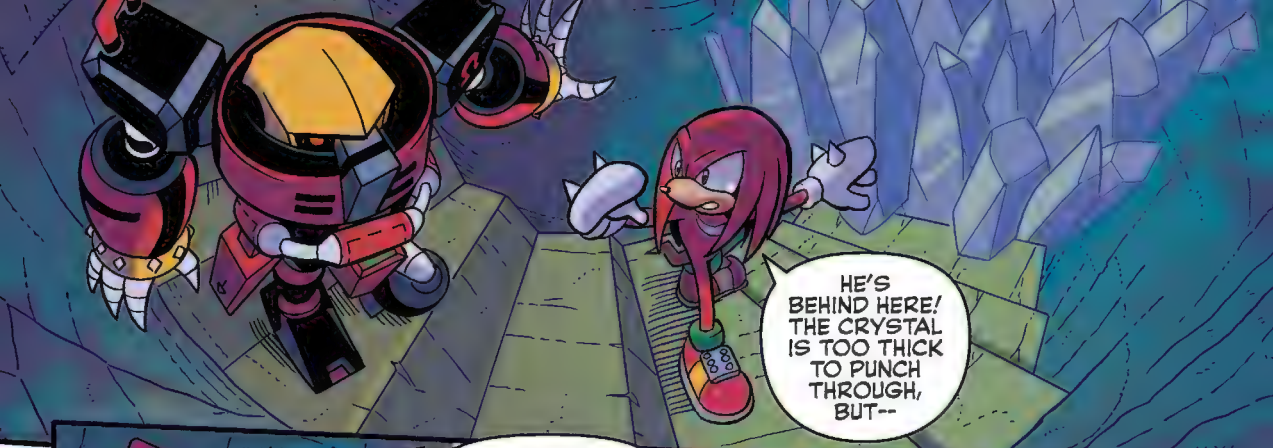
NEGATIVE.

WELCOME BACK,
TIN MAN.

YOU PUT US
THROUGH A LOT
OF TROUBLE.

DUBIOUS APOLOGY:
I AM SORRY. I HAVE
EXPENDED A GREAT DEAL
OF ENERGY IN SERVICE
TO WALTER NAUGUS.

TO MAKE AMENDS,
I WILL NOW EXPEND EQUAL
AMOUNTS OF ENERGY IN
DESTROYING WALTER
NAUGUS.



HE'S
BEHIND HERE!
THE CRYSTAL
IS TOO THICK
TO PUNCH
THROUGH,
BUT--



STAND
ASIDE, INFERIOR
MAMMAL.

KER-ZOT



HURRY!
BEFORE HE TAPS
INTO THE MASTER
EMERALD'S
POWER!

STEP
AWAY
FROM
THE
GEM,
UGLY!



AH-AH-AH!
FINDERS KEEPERS,
CHILDREN.



ARE WE TOO LATE?
CAN HE EVEN USE ITS POWER?
SHOULD WE FALL BACK?

I...I DON'T
KNOW! I CAN'T
TELL!



DON'T
HESITATE!
BLITZ AND
OVER-
WHELM
HIM!

WAIT! HE
MIGHT--!



**HAHA
HA!**
SUCH
BRAVADO!

FWASH



A MINUTE AGO,
I WOULD'VE BEEN AT
YOUR MERCY...

...BUT
NOW?

NOW YOU--
AND THE ENTIRE
WORLD--ARE AT
MY MERCY!

**HAHA!
HAHAHA!!**

HAS WALTER NAUGUS WON?
HOW WILL OUR HEROES SAVE
ANGEL ISLAND NOW? HOW WILL
THEY SAVE *THEMSELVES*?!
IT ALL FALLS INTO PLACE
IN THE FINALE *NEXT TIME!*

UNTIL THEN DON'T MISS OUT ON
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG,
SONIC SUPER DIGEST AND THE
GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary; We've got edits. We've got comments. Nailed it.



Interior pencil art by Adam Bryce Thomas

I WAS FROZEN TODAY!

Okay, maybe I wasn't, but our heroes certainly are! With Knuckles and friends immobilized, nothing stands in the way of Walter and his evil ambitions... for now...

The fate of Angel Island will be settled next time! Until then, I wanna leave you fans with something special to look forward to.



The above panel is a direct reference to the intro sequence from *Sonic Advance 3*.

With a little guidance from the mid-issue flashback, we are finally able to see exactly how Walter got to the castle back in STH #252 (STH vol.1 - *Countdown to Chaos*). With that in mind, the genesis of Walter may be further brought to light sooner than you think!



After being brought back to his own will, Omega feels the regrets of his life choices.

Later, homies!



- Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
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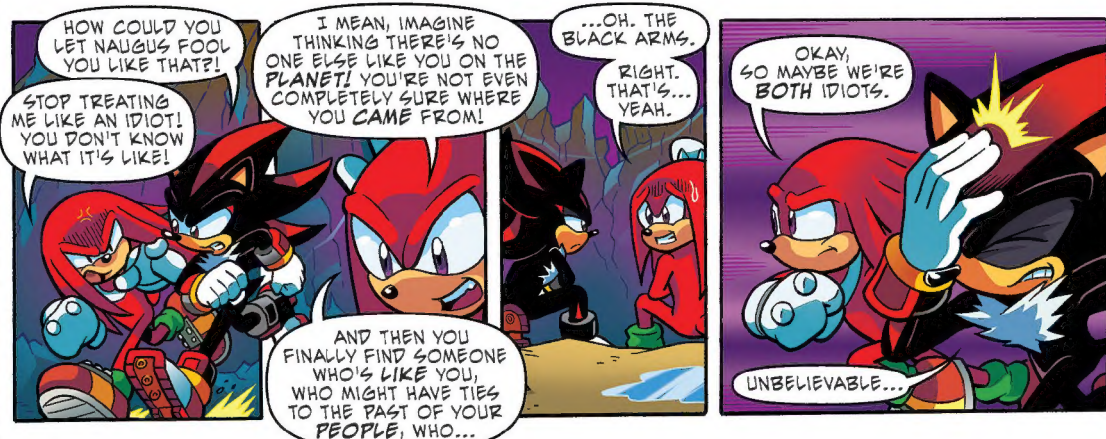


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OFF PANEL

THE #1 KNUCKLEHEAD (OR) TOO SOON?



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FINALE